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Bogus payment by DDA

5655. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to SQ No. 1 on November 20, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Government have ordered C.B.I. enquiry into the alleged misapproprition of funds by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) to (c). Investigation of the allegations of bogus payments by DDA involves scrutiny of voluminous technical records of the DDA. A decision to order C.B.I. enquiry can be taken ony after a report from the Vigilance Department of DDA is received.

[*English*]

Sick Industrial Units in Goa

5656. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sick industrial units in Goa Under Public and Private Sector at present;

(b) the reasons for their sickness;

(c) the number of workers retrenched as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to rehabilitate teh rentrenched workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) According to the Reserve Bank of India, 1,244 units in the small scale sector and 12 units in the non-smal scale sector were sick as at the end of Sept., 1990 in the State of Goa.

(b) The major causes for sickness as reported by banks related to technical problems, non-availability of raw materials, labour problems, power shortage, natural calamities, transport and financial bottlenecks.

(c) Such data is not centrally maintained.

(d) The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 contains provisions for providing compensation to retrenched workers and also to redeploy them.

Ancient Indian Texts

5657. DR. A.K. PATEL:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 183 on December 4, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Government are encouraging to help ferreting out the secrets from the ancient Indian Texts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The projects/studies recently sponsoed by the Government are:

1. Coordinated Programmes related to Technology development in the Indian languages, particularly Role of Indian Sanskrit tradition in evolving Artificial Intelligence Systems. (Department of Electronics).

2. Foundations and methodologies of theoretical sciences (logic, linguistics, mathematics, congnitive science) in Indian tradition (National Institute of Science, Technology and Deveopment Studies, NISTADS).

Although modern developments may not directly be evolving from our ancient literature, inspiration is drawn from the work of ancient India and examples of utilisation are in the areas of Medicine and Health (drug based on Gugglu for Hyperlipidamia) and Metallurgy (precision casting). Some of the subjects for basic studies in Indian Tradition are logic, linguistics, mathematics and cognitive science.

Indo–German Ties in Coal Projects

5658. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some agreement has been reached between India and Germany for coal projects;

(b) if so, the fields of coal which are being covered in the agreement; and

(c) the details of cooperation being offered by the Germany and how India propose to help that country in the business?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) A meeting of Indo–German Joint Working Group on Coal was held in New Delhi on 21–22 January, 1992 to reivew the present status of Indo–German Cooperation in Coal Sector and its proposals for future cooperation.

(b) In Coal sector, German assistance has been sought for constructing open cast mines with "in-pit crushing and conveyor" technology, shaft sinking methods, coal preparation plants and ventilation of deep underground mines, etc.

(c) Assistance from Germany has been received for phase I of Chinakuri Project of Eastern Coalfields Limited and Bina Deshaling Plant of Northern Coalfields Limited. Germany has also agreed to provide assistance for implementation of Ramagundam II open cast project of Singareni Collieries Company Limited. The oncerned Coal companies are participating in these projects by making available counterpart indigenous project components.

National Commission on Small Scale Industries

5659. SHRI SOBHANA DREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Commission to examine the problems being faced by the Small Scale Industrial Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.